

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MA & UD Dept., - Execution as Strategy for Development of Parks in all Urban Local Bodies – Park Classification linked to Development – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (J) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 68

Dated:14.02.2014
Read the following:

- 1.G.O.Ms.No.72 MA MA&UD(J1) Dept., dt.20-2-2002
- 2.G.O.Rt.No.317 MA&UD(J1) Dept., dt.26-2-2009.
- 3.Strategy Paper on Development of Parks in all ULBs, dt. 27.01.2014.
- 4.From the C&DMA Lr.Roc.No. 5926/2012/H1, dt. 4.2.2014.
- 5..From the Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad Note dated: 4.2.2014.

ORDER

In the reference 1st read above, Government have issued instructions to all Urban Local Bodies in the State not to utilize the reserved open spaces of a layout for the purposes other than the intended original use such as parks, playgrounds, community structure, urban forestry and similar eco-conservation programs, on the strength of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. in W.P.No.26276/96 based on Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment in SC 1902 and SC 577.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government have issued instructions to the DTCP., that he shall prepare an inventory of all Master Plan Open Spaces and sites required for public amenities for all Cities and Towns in the State and he shall undertake land acquisition through the District Collectors of the respective local bodies for facilitating open spaces and public Amenities Development in a time bound manner.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, a strategy paper has been prepared on Development of Parks in all Urban Local Bodies. Accordingly a meeting was convened on 04.02.2014 on the development of Parks with the C&DMA, Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad and the Managing Director, APUFIC and it was decided to constitute Committees at State Level, Regional Level and Urban Local Bodies Level.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the C&DMA, hereby constitute a Committee at State Level/Regional Level and Urban Local Body Level with the following officials, for development of parks and playgrounds in all ULBs:-

A. State Level Steering Committee

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| 1) C&DMA | - | Chairman |
| 2) DTCP, Hyderabad | - | Member |
| 3) ENC (PH), Hyderabad | - | Member |
| 4) Managing Director, APUFIDC | - | Member |
| 5) Mission Director, MEPMA | - | Member |
| 6) Project Director, APMDP | - | Member |

B. Regional Level Steering Committee

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| 1) RDMA | - | Chairman |
| 2) RDDTCP | - | Member |
| 3) S.E., (Public Health) | - | Member |
| 4) P.D., MEPMA | - | Member |

C. Urban Local Body Level Steering Committee

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| 1) Chairperson / Special Officer | - | Chairman |
| 2) Municipal Commissioner | - | Member |
| 3) TPBO/TPS/TPO and
CP/ACP (in case of Corporations) | - | Member |
| 4) Concerned Engineering
Staff in case of Urban Local Bodies | - | Member |

STRATEGY

The Committees will implement the following Strategy.

5. Parks are an important component of cities. Below, are given the ways for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to address common challenges faced during park development. First, classify parks according to the norms given in Table-1.

6. The smallest unit is the Mini-park in the park hierarchy. Mini-parks are located close to service areas, with little buffer between the park and adjoining homes, and they cater to limited recreational needs. Typical facilities include – playground picnic tables with grills (not under shelter), half basketball courts, benches or bench swings, open play area, landscaped public use area and scenic overlook. Neighborhood Parks are the basic building blocks of park organization and are located within walking distance of the service area; providing a variety of facilities to different age groups. Generally, they contain - playground picnic shelters with grills, court games, picnic tables with grills (not under shelter), informal play field, benches, bench swings, volleyball courts, 50 % of the site is kept undeveloped to be used for trails/walking, and parking (7-10) spaces. The third type of park is the Community Park, which provides for the recreation needs of several neighborhoods. These parks also provide non-traditional types of recreation. Fifty percent of the park site is developed for passive recreation only. Normally, the following facilities are available in Community Parks – recreation center picnic tables with grills, basketball courts, benches, bench swings, tennis courts, nature trails, basketball courts/softball courts, restrooms, multi-purpose field parking, soccer fields, playgrounds, amphitheater, observation decks, and lakes.

Table 1. Park classification and their characteristics

Type of park	Description	Location criteria	Site criteria	Population served	Elements required
Mini Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Service area usually less than a 1/4 mile (0.4 km) along trails or low-volume residential streets.	Usually below 1 acre (0.4 hectares); maximum 5 acres (2 ha).	500 to 2,500	<i>b, c, e, h, i, j, n.</i>
Neighborhood Park	The basic unit of a Park system. Serves the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Emphasis is on informal active and passive recreation.	Walking distance of a 1/4 to a 1/2 mile (0.4–0.8 km), uninterrupted by non-residential roads or other physical barriers.	1 Acre (0.4 ha) to 5 Acres (2 ha)	2,000 to 10,000	<i>b, c, e, h, i, j, n, o, p.</i>
Community Park	Serves a broader purpose than a neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community based recreation needs.	Usually serves 2 or more neighborhoods within a 1/2 to 3 mile (0.8–4.83 km) distance.	Beyond 5 Acres	Variable	<i>b, c, e, h, i, j, n, o, p.</i>

7. Second, the elements required in different types of parks are contained in the last column in Table 1 and their meanings are given in Table 2. Moreover, elements can be combined into four factors as follows – (1) General Services (*hf*) – contains facilities that service park users (e.g. restrooms, shelters), (2) Physical Activity Resources (*bp*)- consists of pathways and ball grounds that encourage physical activity, (3) Family Facilities (*eno*) – contains features, such as children’s play equipment and picnic spots that attract families, and (4) Aesthetics (*cd*) – contributes to the overall attractiveness of the park(e.g. open spaces, meadows, wooded areas, ponds, streams).

8. Additionally, in parks for children three factors are used – (1) Children’s Activity and Supporting Features (*efhno*) – consists of attributes that attract children to parks and support complementary activity by adults, such as picnic spots, benches, and tables, (2) Moderate Activity Attributes (*bcd*) – contains pathways for adults to walk and open spaces to play passive sports, such as Frisbee, flying a kite, and tossing a ball, (3) Intensive Activity Attributes (*p*) – contains ball grounds (e.g. tennis and basketball courts) for vigorous physical activity. EAPRS element *i*, which represents shrubs, flowers placed or planted by design did not combine with any factor and was excluded from the analysis.

9. Finally, for all parks an execution-as-strategy will be used. Parks will be assessed on the elements given in Table 2, and the gaps identified and plan made to address the gaps and execution started for all parks and playfields.

Table 2. Description of park elements:

S. No	Element name	Sub-element	Qualities to be attended to
1.	Paths (b).	Existence and surface.	Condition, width, cleanliness, flatness, obstruction, shade.
2.	General Space (c).	Open space, Meadows, General areas,	Average size, condition, cleanliness, flatness, and proximity to water areas.
3.	Water areas (d)	Water areas (ponds, lakes, streams, creeks, fountains).	Average size (width and depth - streams/creeks; height - fountains), water quality, movement.
4.	Eating/drinking features (e).	Drinking water fountains, grills/fire pits, picnic areas, vending.	Condition, taste/cleanliness, ground flatness, openness/visibility, supplied.
5.	Facilities (f).	Shelters/pavilions/gazebos, entertainment venues/stages/maze	Size, cleanliness, condition.
6.	Sitting or resting features (h).	Benches, Tables, Seat walls.	Condition, comfort, landscaping, cleanliness, shade.
7.	Landscaping (i).	Flowers, shrubs/bushes, landscaping beds.	Variety, color, condition, cleanliness.
8.	Play set/structures (n).	General play set, ground surface, things to hang from, slide down, climbing and standing features, swings,	Openness/visibility, coverage/shade, condition, cleanliness, levelness, colorfulness, size of features, height of ground.
9.	Other play components (o).	Sliding, swings, blacktop, spring toys, imaginary play structures, hanging sets.	Cleanliness, condition, colorfulness, size of features, height of ground,
10.	Ball grounds (p).	Athletic fields and other recreation areas, courts.	Ground condition, cleanliness, drainage, surface condition, perimeter, striping/line condition.

10. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad/Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad / Commissioners shall prepare plan of action (PoA) and complete park development within set timelines.

((BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
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The Commissioner, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, Vijayawada
The Director of Town & Country Planning, Hyderabad
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